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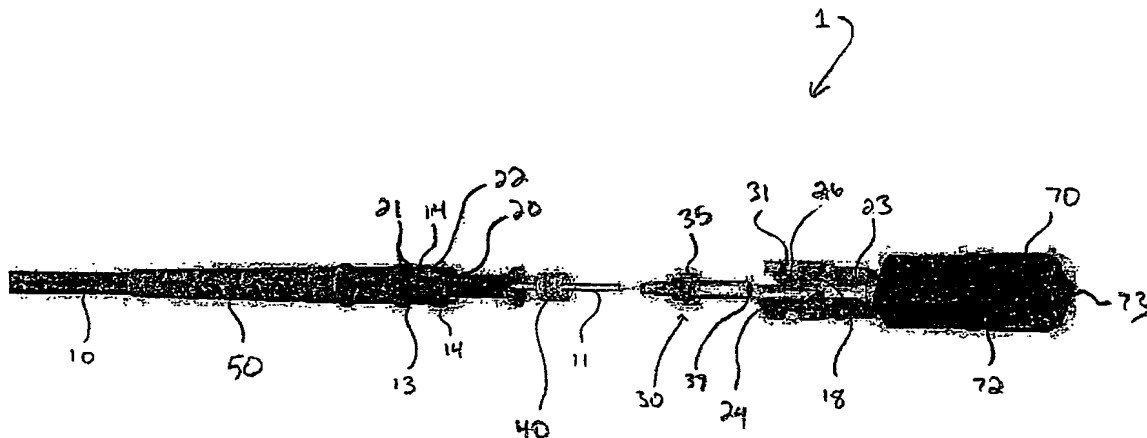
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(57) Abstract: Provided are optical fiber connectors having a top and bottom, front and back orientation comprising: a jacketed optical cable comprising a terminating fiber, the cable having molded thereon a locking component comprising at least one locking lug, the locking component being formed from a flexible moldable material; and an inner housing having a radial cross-section which is generally rectilinear and comprises at least three corners, the inner housing comprising at least a portion which defines an opening for receiving the locking component, the opening being configured such that upon insertion of the locking component therein the locking component is movable in both forward and radial directions to position the at least one locking lug in a corner of the inner housing such that the locking component and inner housing are secured to each other in an axial direction.